

**EXERCISE 1** Rewrite the sentences in reported speech



1-He was studying yesterday. She said HE HAD BEEN STUDYING THE DAY BEFORE

2-I will go to the party. He told me HE WOULD GO TO THE PARTY

3-Mary can't stand mean people. He said MARY COULDN'T STAND MEAN PEOPLE

4-I must call my sister tomorrow. He said HE HAD TO CALL HIS SISTER THE NEXT DAY

5-I don't like coffee. She told me SHE DIDN'T LIKE COFFEE

6-Please, do me a favour. She asked ME TO DO HER A FAVOUR

7-What shall I do about it? He asked WHAT HE SHOULD DO ABOUT IT

8-I have forgotten his number. She said SHE HAD FORGOTTEN HIS NUMBER

9-May I sit here? She asked if SHE MIGHT SIT THERE

10-I have been waiting for ages. She said SHE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR AGES

11-Tim works in an office. He told me TIM WORKED IN AN OFFICE

12-I have been to Paris twice. She said SHE HAD BEEN TO PARIS TWICE

13-My husband is in Poland. She told me HER HUSBAND WAS IN POLAND

14-I won't do the shopping tomorrow. He said HE WOULDN'T DO THE SHOPPING THE NEXT DAY

15-Neil has already seen this film. She said NEIL HAD ALREADY SEEN THAT FILM

16-Gloria is sitting in her room now. He said GLORIA WAS SITTING IN HER ROOM THEN

17-I don't go to parties. She told ME SHE DIDN'T GO TO PARTIES

18-I have been working in the garden. She said SHE HAD BEEN WORKING IN THE GARDEN

**EXERCISE 2** Choose the correct option.

When I **saw/seen** Mary at the office **this/that** morning, she wasn't looking very well. In fact she **had looked/looked** a bit tired. I **tell/asked** her what the matter **is/was** with her but she wouldn't **tell/say** me. I **wanted/had been wanting** to know what was going on so I **ask/asked** Phil but he **didn't/wasn't** know, either. Two hours later, at about ten o'clock, we **met/were meeting** at the canteen to have a cup of coffee. But Mary **didn't/wasn't** order anything to drink. I knew she loved coffee so that was quite strange. When I asked her why she **wasn't/didn't** want anything to drink she said she **didn't have/wasn't having** her wallet. Her husband **had been taking/had taken** it. I **said/asked** her how she **was coming/had come** to work and she said that as she didn't have any money at all she **come/came** on foot. So that's why she **is/was** so tired! She lived in a nearby town which was ten kilometers away! No wonder why she **is/was** exhausted!

**EXERCISE 3** Change the time reference.

Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

**1-**Sally is leaving **today**.

He said Sally was leaving THAT DAY

**2-**He visited London **last week**.

He said he had visited London THE WEEK BEFORE

**3-**We had an argument **last night**.

He said they'd had an argument THE PREVIOUS NIGHT

**4-**I'm not eating **now**.

He said he wasn't eating THEN

**5-**Jimmy is coming **next week**.

He said Jimmy was coming THE FOLLOWING WEEK

**6-**I forgot my key **yesterday**.

He said he'd forgotten his key THE DAY BEFORE

**7-**I'll call you **tomorrow**.

He said he would call me THE NEXT DAY

**8-**I don't live **here** anymore.

He said he didn't live THERE anymore.

**9-**I'm meeting Phil **tonight**.

She said she was meeting Phil THAT NIGHT